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FROM: Ottawa

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 541, October 24, 6 p.m.

PRIORITY

Cabinet at meeting this morning had authorized Defence Minister Harkness to invoke for Canadian Air Force (NORAD only) "ready phase of military vigilance" to bring Canadian force at NORAD into line with US forces. General James informs me that this is equivalent to US DEFCON 3 which is present stage our forces. James informed by Defence Ministry that Canadian forces NORAD have been authorized assume NORAD DEFCON 3.

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